equipments by various departments except Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP), a Media Unit under this Ministry. Some financial irregularities were found to be committed by DFP in purchase of Portable Video Projectors (PVPs).

(c) and (d) The supplier of PVPs could not supply the equipments in stipulated time and was given extensions by DFP. DFP did not invoke the penalty clause for the delayed supply of the equipments as per the terms and conditions of the contract and also could not prevent increase in price of some of the PVPs over the quoted price by the supplier on account of rise in customs duty. Departmental Action has been initiated against the then Director General, DFP.

Terrestrial transmission for private players

4119. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to allow terrestrial transmission for the private players;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Terrestrial television transmission in the country is currently being done by Prasar Bharati, the Public Service Broadcaster. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued a Consultation Paper on "Issues relating to private terrestrial television broadcasting services". TRAI has not formulated its recommendations so far. The Government will take a view only after TRAI's recommendations are received.

Captive TV Channels and Community Radio Station Scheme

4120. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by captive TV Channel and Community Radio Station Scheme started at the beginning of Tenth Five Year Plan; and